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August 11, 2000

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mr. K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243-0505

Re: *Generic Docket to Establish UNE Prices for Lines Sharing per FCC 99-355, and
Riser Cable and Terminating Wire as Ordered in TRA Docket 98-00123*
Docket No. 00-00544

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed please find the one original and thirteen copies of Vectris Telecom, Inc.'s Petition to Intervene in the above captioned docket. Also attached please find one check in the amount of twenty-five dollars for the Petition. Please date stamp and return the extra copies to us in the enclosed self addressed, postage paid envelope.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require further information. Thank you very much for your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Marc B. Rothschild
Counsel for Vectris Telecom, Inc.

Enclosures

cc: Clay Arendes
Eric J. Branfman
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Robert J. Ridings

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**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

In re:)	
Generic Docket To Establish UNE Prices)	
For Line Sharing Per FCC 99-355, and)	Docket No. 00-00544
Riser Cable and Terminating Wire as)	
Ordered in TRA Docket 98-00123)	

**PETITION OF VECTRIS TELECOM, INC.
FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE**

Vectris Telecom, Inc. ("Vectris"), through its undersigned counsel, and pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-310, files this Petition for Leave to Intervene in the above-captioned proceeding with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority") and states as follows:

1. Vectris is awaiting approval of its application for a certificate of convenience and necessity to operate as a competing telecommunications provider, which was filed with the Authority on July 21, 2000.
2. This petition is filed more than seven (7) days before any scheduled hearing in this matter.
3. Vectris intends to provide xDSL services throughout the state of Tennessee. In order to do so, Vectris will be purchasing unbundled network elements ("UNEs"), including unbundled copper loops ("UCLs"). BellSouth, however, has proposed UCL non-recurring and loop conditioning charges that border on cost-prohibitive for Vectris.
4. Vectris recently learned that the Authority expanded this docket to establish interim and then permanent rates for UCLs, loop conditioning and access to loop make-up information. Because Vectris intends to provide xDSL services throughout Tennessee, any decision made by the Authority during this proceeding

could substantially affect the interests of Vectris and its ability to conduct business in the state. Thus, Vectris has legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities, and other legal interests that will be affected by and determined in the above captioned proceeding.

5. Allowing this intervention is in the interests of justice and will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of this proceeding. Vectris, therefore, seeks to intervene and participate as its interests may appear.
6. All process, pleadings, notices and correspondence should be served upon the following individuals:

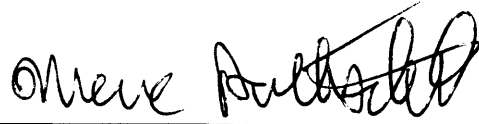
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WHEREFORE, Vectris Telecom, Inc. respectfully requests that it be allowed to intervene in this proceeding.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marc B. Rothschild", written over a horizontal line.

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Counsel for Vectris Telecom, Inc.

Dated: August 11, 2000

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Robert Ridings, hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing Petition to Intervene of Vectris Telecom, Inc. have been forwarded, via U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to the following on this 11th day of August, 2000.

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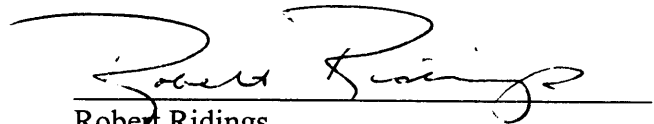
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